

**Tennessee Department of Children's Services**

**Non-Custody Child Deaths**

**Quarter 1 and Quarter 2**

**Calendar Year 2013**

1. Total Number of Non-Custody Child Deaths, Jan. 1 - June 30, 2013: **113**
2. Investigations into a child's death are opened for either allegations of abuse or neglect. Of the total number of deaths, **105, or 93 percent**, were opened for neglect. **Eight, or 7 percent**, were opened for abuse.
3. Of the total year-to-date cases, **86** investigations have been completed and classified.
4. There are three types of classifications. **Indicated** means that there is a preponderance of evidence that abuse or neglect occurred. **Unfounded** means that there is not enough evidence to sustain the allegation. Those classified as **Unable to Complete** still require additional information before the department can classify a case.
  - a) Indicated: **15, or 18 percent**
  - b) Unfounded: **70, or 81 percent**
  - c) Unable to complete: **1, or 1 percent**
5. Of the total number of deaths, DCS had no previous history with the child or family within the past three years in **58 cases, or 51 percent**.
6. Of the total number of deaths, DCS had a history with the child or family within the past three years in **55 cases, or 49 percent**.

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